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TO : The Director.

DATE: 24 March 1948.

FROM : Legislative Liaison Officer.

SUBJECT: Congressional Investigation of National Security Council.

1. Rep. Arthur D. Klein, (D., N.Y.), has introduced House Resolution 507, which is attached herewith, calling for an investigation of the National Security Council and the Department of State.

2. In the course of his remarks on the floor of the House when introducing the resolution yesterday, Klein stated:

"I believe that the time is ripe, right now, for a thorough investigation of the administrative inefficiency and unbalance in the structure of the State Department, and of the grasp for power in the National Security Council by the representatives of the armed services through their outnumbering of the State Department representatives. ...

"I also believe that I have so drawn this resolution that the investigating committee could, as they should, carefully examine the relationship of the Arabian-American Oil Co. and its Washington vice president, James Terry Duce, to the National Security Council. ..."

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